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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Geologists
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Friday, September 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B, Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	October 9, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Douglas Rambo, President, Professional Member
William "Sandy" Schenck, Vice President, Professional Member
David Reinhold, Professional Member
Steven Smailer, Professional Member
Kenneth Dryden, Public Member
Maureene LaFate, Public Member
Judith Nicholas, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF

Flora Peer, Administrative Specialist II
Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Gayle MacAfee, Deputy Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

PUBLIC PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rambo called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the June 12, 2015 meeting. Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reinhold, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried by majority. With Mr. Smailer abstained.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review of Audits – Continued

Steve Cahill

Mr. Smailer continued the review of Mr. Cahill's audit. Mr. Smailer summarized Mr. Cahill's email for the Board. Mr. Smailer stated that, other than the GSA, Mr. Cahill claimed that he learns on the job and by doing his job he has met the requirements for the continuing education. Mr. Cahill 107 hours for peer reviewed publications. Mr. Smailer stated that the definition of peer reviewed publications: other members (peers) review a publication that is then printed and released to the public. Mr. Cahill submitted documents that were not acceptable as "peer reviewed. Mr. Smailer stated that continuing education is learning in addition to doing your job. Mr. Smailer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schenck, to deny his explanation of continuing education and refer Mr. Cahill to the hearing officer. The Board accepted 16 hours of Mr. Cahill's audit submission leaving him deficient 8 continuing education credits. The motion carried unanimously.

Kristopher Michael Crist

4 hours short

Mr. Rambo stated that the Board requested geologic content be provided for the Geothermal Heating and Cooling course that was 4 PDHs in length. Mr. Rambo stated that there was not sufficient evidence of geologic content for the 4 hours. Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smailer, to send Mr. Crist to a hearing officer for the 4 hour deficiency. The motion carried unanimously.

Gordon Cruickshank

Mr. Rambo stated that Mr. Cruickshank's audit review had been tabled for proof of geologic content for the courses he submitted for audit. Mr. Rambo stated that 36 continuing education credits had been submitted. Mr. Rambo reviewed the documentation supplied by Mr. Cruickshank and found that he was compliant with the audit. Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smailer to approve Mr. Cruickshank's audit submission. The motion carried unanimously.

Paul Stratman

Mr. Rambo stated that Mr. Stratman's audit review had been tabled for proof of geologic content for 7.5 continuing education credits for courses/webinars he submitted for audit. Mr. Smailer reviewed and found that Mr. Stratman's provided sufficient proof of geological content. Mr. Smailer stated that Mr. Stratman was now compliant with the audit. Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reinhold to approve Mr. Stratman's audit submission. The motion carried unanimously.

Michael Hertz

Mr. Rambo stated that Mr. Hertz was short 10 continuing education credits. Mr. Rambo reviewed the correspondence from Mr. Hertz. Mr. Hertz stated that he claimed work meetings that he thought would be covered by 6.8.2 of the Rules and Regulations as professional meetings. Mr. Hertz requested an extension to complete the 10 continuing education credits. Mr. Rambo stated that Mr. Hertz could be sent to the hearing officer to give him time to complete the CE which could be presented at his hearing. Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reinhold, to recommend Mr. Hertz to the hearing officer. The motion carried unanimously.

Continued Discussion of Continuing Education Credits – Research / Grants and Repetitive Courses

Mr. Schenck stated that the Board should add a clause explaining the purpose of CE. Ms. Kelly stated the Board could add a preamble explaining the purpose of continuing education and that she would provide the Board with examples for discussion at the October meeting.

Discussion of Stamp/Seal Requirements

Mr. Rambo stated that he noticed that the phrase "...that will become a matter of public record.." from the former version of 3.2. had been removed. Mr. Reinhold questioned if this would require all submissions to be sealed. Ms. Kelly stated that the reference to public record was left out because all emails are public record. Mr. Schenck questioned if a preamble could be added explaining the seal requirements. Ms. Kelly stated that she would review the architect and land surveyors seal requirements for examples. The discussion will continue at the Boards next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Applications by Examination

Mr. Rambo stated that because of lack of quorum at the August meeting the applicants below were reviewed and approved to meet the ASBOG deadline.

Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smailer, to ratify the emergency approval of the applicants below to sit for the FG exam based on academic qualifications. The motion carried unanimously.

Christopher Myers (FG Only)

Margaret Atterbury (FG Only)

Mr. Rambo stated that he found the below applicants met all of the requirements to be licensed after successful completion of the FG and PG exam. Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by Ms. LaFate, to ratify the emergency approval of the applicants below to sit for the FG and PG exams:

Victoria Bisbing (FG & PG)

Mala Ciance (FG & PG)

Jesse Drummond (FG & PG)

Mr. Schenck stated that he was not comfortable with the exam application being reviewed between meetings and did

not think the Board should make a habit out of it. Mr. Smailer made a motion, seconded by Ms. LaFate, to amend the original motion, stating that these applications were approved in an emergency situation, due to unforeseen circumstances the applications were reviewed and approved to sit for the exam to avoid imposing any hardships on the applicants due to the meeting that was canceled. The motion carried by majority with Mr. Schenck opposed. Mr. Schenck proposed that the Board changed the months they do not usually schedule meetings to March and October in order to avoid this emergency situation in the future. The Board requested that Ms. Peer add the discussion to the October agenda.

Practice Under Supervision – None

Review of Continuing Education Approval Applications

Olaf Westphalen

“Ground Water to Surface Water Transitions” May 29, 2015, Requesting 6.0 CE

The request was tabled for review at the next Board meeting.

Olaf Westphalen

“MassDEP APH, VPH, and EPH Methods Workshop” November 11, 2014, Requesting 4.0 CE

The request was tabled for review at the next Board meeting.

Review of Application for Reciprocity – None

Review of Applications for Examination

Board Deliberation and Vote on Hearing Officer Recommendations – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

Mr. Schenck reminded the Board that the ASBOG annual meeting is being held on November 13th and that a Delaware Board voting delegate and SME should attend the meeting.

WALL CERTIFICATES

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.


NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. LaFate made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smailer, to adjourn the meeting at 12:13 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Flora Peer
Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.